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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that Richard Lee Haganman, age 57, of Chesapeake, Virginia, plead guilty today in the United States District Court, Norfolk, Virginia, to a charge of use of an unauthorized access device. Haganman faces a maximum sentence of ten years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000 and full restitution when sentenced by Judge Jerome Friedman on October 4, 2004.

Haganman fraudulently used a U.S. Government Voyager credit card assigned to the Public Works Center at Naval Station, Norfolk, to make numerous unauthorized purchases at convenience stores and service stations in Chesapeake and Portsmouth. The Voyager card is a government credit card intended to purchase only gasoline and maintenance for U.S. government owned or leased vehicles. The Voyager credit card subject to fraudulent use had been assigned to Eddie's Bus Service in Chesapeake, Virginia, where Haganman had been employed from July through December of 2003.

In all, over \$58,000 in unauthorized purchases were made on the Voyager card, over \$48,000 of which was for purchases of non-fuel items such as cigarettes. Haganman was arrested in Houston, Texas, on an arrest warrant and criminal complaint from the U.S. District Court in Norfolk. He fled the Hampton Roads area one day after being contacted by a Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) special agent about the credit card.

The investigation and arrest of Haganman was conducted by NCIS as a result of a recent crack down by the Navy to control the unauthorized use of its government credit cards. Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen Haynie is handling the case for the United States Attorney's Office.

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